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LETTER DATED 1 SEPTEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to my letters forwarded earlier to the Security Council on the subject of "ethnic cleansing", I regret to inform you that, yesterday, another 400 Bosnian civilians were expelled from Bijljina by Karadzic's extremists and have reached Tuzla. Another 600 are on the way to Tuzla. According to the testimonies of these newly displaced persons, another 1,500 Bosnian civilians in Bijljina are awaiting final expulsion.

Also an additional 200 Bosnian civilians, mainly women, children and the elderly, were expelled earlier this week from Banja Luka by Karadzic's extremists. Another 5,000 civilians are also now facing the prospect of expulsion by mid-September.

Despite numerous letters and appeals sent to the Security Council by the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the International Committee of the Red Cross and other international human rights organs, no single action has been undertaken to confront or mitigate these heinous crimes. Therefore, we once again appeal to the Council to take those steps necessary to bring an end to these latest waves of ethnic cleansing. The most powerful organ of the international community, accountable for the maintenance of peace and security, really cannot repeatedly claim impotence when facing those responsible for systematic and continuing violations of international humanitarian law, especially when alerted to the real prospect of future crimes.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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